



School Notes

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Northwest ISD School Notes, March 8-May 5

Tickets for Northwest boys basketball state semifinal now available

Tickets for the Northwest High School boys basketball state semifinal are now available and will be sold from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, giving community members the opportunity to take part in school history.

For the school's first UIL Basketball State Tournament appearance in history, the Texan boys will face the Marshall Buffalo of Fort Bend ISD at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9. The game will be hosted at the Alamodome, located at 100 Montana St. in San Antonio. If victorious, the Texans will play in the state championship game at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the same venue.

Northwest ISD's athletic offices, located at the north end of the district stadium at 1937 Texan Drive in Justin, will sell the school's allotted semifinal tickets at discounted prices on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets are now available and will be sold from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

Tickets at the Alamodome for general admission to each game cost \$19, and parking at the venue is \$15 per car. Children who are 2 years old or younger and do not occupy a seat can receive free admission to all state tournament games. For additional information about Alamodome procedures, including transportation options and prohibited items, [click here](#).

For directions to the Alamodome, [click here](#) and input a starting address.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Northwest Basketball Sendoff.jpg]: Northwest High School's basketball team walks through the halls of the school as part of the traditional "state walk" sendoff, where state-qualifying players and teams walk down the hallways of the school to the support of their classmates.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Northwest Basketball Team.jpg]: Members of the Northwest Texan basketball team pose for a photo before a final workout prior to leaving for San Antonio for their state semifinal game.

Eaton, Northwest one-act play companies advance from zone competition

Eaton and Northwest high schools each advanced from the zone round of one-act play competition, sending them to the district competition on Friday, March 10.

In their 5A District 6 zone meet, Eaton advanced with its performance of "The Diviners," while Northwest advanced with its performance of "Act One." Both schools also received individual accolades for their performances. From Eaton, Garrett Hale received the best actor award, and all-star cast awards went to Cassie Weaver and Clark Jones. Vincent Harrill and Parker Hill earned honorable mention all-star cast awards. Hunter Kuhlman earned the outstanding technician award for the school's play. Eaton's one-act play company is led by the direction of Nick Kougiyas, theatre director.

From Northwest, Mary Strauss received the best actress award, and all-star cast awards went to Cayden Candioto, Christopher Skipper and Vincent Witherspoon. Madison Dixon and Julian Santos earned honorable mention all-star cast awards. Abigail Scraub earned the outstanding technician award for the school's play. Northwest's one-act play company is led by the direction of Laura Skipper, theatre director.

Eaton and Northwest will next perform at Northwest's own Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 10, for the district round of competition. Eaton is slated to perform at 5:30 p.m., followed by Northwest at 6 p.m.

In its competition at the 6A District 5 zone meet, Byron Nelson was the alternate advancing play for its performance of "All My Sons." Joe Caskey earned all-star cast honors, while Nicole Hoppes and Joey Witten earned honorable mention all-star cast honors. Emma Horn earned the outstanding technician award. Byron Nelson's one-act play company is led by the direction of Wendy Bramlett, theatre director.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Eaton One-Act Play.jpg]: Members of Eaton High School's one-act play company pose with their zone advancement trophy. Eaton will next perform in the district competition at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 10.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Northwest One-Act Play.jpg]: Members of Northwest High School's one-act play company pose following their recent advancement out of the zone competition. Northwest will next perform in the district competition at 6 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Northwest ISD schools on spring break March 13-17

All Northwest ISD schools and offices will be closed Monday, March 13, to Friday, March 17, as students and staff are off for spring break.

In addition to spring break, students will have Monday, March 20, off for the district's second unused inclement weather day. Teachers and staff will use this date as a professional development day at their campuses or offices.

Schools will resume classes during their regular hours on Tuesday, March 21.

Next school board meeting taking place March 20

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

District high schools to host annual spring plant sales April 6-8

Northwest ISD's three comprehensive high schools – Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest – will host their annual plant sales during the first full week of April, providing students, parents and community members with the opportunity to buy inexpensive plants and benefit local education.

All schools will host their plant sales from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 6, and Friday, April 7. On Saturday, April 8, each school will sell plants from 8 a.m. to noon. Sales will be conducted in each school's greenhouse. Byron Nelson is located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club, Eaton is located at 1350 Eagle Blvd. in Haslet and Northwest is located at 2301 Texan Drive in Justin.

A wide range of offerings will be available at each sale, such as mixed flowering and foliage hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, succulents, vegetables and more.

Proceeds from plant sales will benefit each school's FFA program.

For more information about plant sales, please contact each school's appropriate FFA advisor. Byron Nelson's Tyler McCoy can be reached at tyler.mccoy@nisdtx.org, Eaton's Kristen Stockard can be reached at kstockard@nisdtx.org and Northwest's Casey Reid can be reached at casey.reid@nisdtx.org.

Northwest softball team hosting autism awareness game

Northwest High School's softball team recently hosted its ninth annual autism awareness fundraiser, with a game taking place soon to recognize Autism Awareness Month in April.

The Lady Texans sold T-shirts throughout February, aiding the local Special Olympics program that assists Northwest students with special needs. Those shirts are expected to arrive by the end of March, in time for Autism Awareness Month in April. The Lady Texan softball team will host its annual home game in support of autism awareness on Thursday, April 13, when people who purchased the shirts are encouraged to wear them.

To see the design of the shirt, [click here](#). For more information about the team's Autism Awareness Month game, please email Coach Tanya Morrow at tmorrow@nisdtx.org.

FORM ATTACHED [Northwest Softball Autism Awareness.pdf]

Kindergarten Roundup to take place districtwide first week of May

Northwest ISD's annual Kindergarten Roundup will take place the first week of May, providing parents of incoming kindergarteners with the opportunity to learn about their future campuses.

Children who are 5 years old by Sept. 1 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, with online enrollment beginning Tuesday, April 18. Following enrollment, each school will host these incoming students as part of Kindergarten Roundup.

Though enrollment takes place online, parents and guardians must still bring appropriate documents – including birth certificates, immunization records and proof of residency – for the campus to review. Both online registration and document review can be completed at the campus during Kindergarten Roundup.

Each of Northwest ISD's 17 elementary schools serves kindergarteners, and exact dates and times for each school's roundup are scheduled for announcement on Monday, March 20.

For more information about Kindergarten Roundup, visit www.nisdtx.org/kroundup.

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